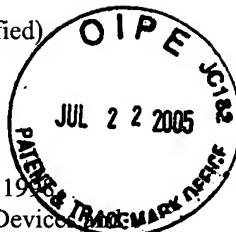


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Art Unit: 2815

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- It is believed that no additional fee is required.

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  - Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
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Respectfully submitted,

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